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At 6 PM meeting with President Harrison and Foreign Minister I (1) handed President copy of President Kennedy's letter (with additional copy under cover first person note to Foreign Minister), (2) stated position per reference telegram and requested GOU support for USG in proposed OAS action, (3) warned of possibility of communist violence and suggested consideration necessary preventive measures, (4) had Foreign Minister translate to President Harrison some paragraphs first quarter text President's speech describing communist missile bases and sent second and third quarters as received.

President Harrison reacted with forthright declaration approval US position. He recognized probability widespread communist violence everywhere but in Paraguay where Chief of State "knows how to deal with them". Foreign Minister said some southern LA nations had been deliberately trying to close their eyes communist threat, pointing out that Chile had objected at informal MFM against adoption of economic measures against Cuba and is now incongruously protesting introduction some hundreds pounds communist propaganda.

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Alluding to historic difficulty democracies face in acting with decisive initiative, I predicted President Kennedy's speech would have galvanic effect and said I strongly hoped that US and Uruguay, which foremost in reputation as American democracies, would in this case both act with vigor and decision.

Both men indicated <sup>e</sup>their personal agreement but literally throw up their hands at prospect obtaining prompt decision from NCG. They will present matter tonight to NCG majority (six Blancos divided into two major bitterly feuding factions headed by Nardone and Haedo) and if possible secure majority decision and will then present matter to NCG as a whole tomorrow evening. Meantime they hope that countries with "single leadership" will supply USG with desired support in immediate OAS activities. ]<sup>2</sup>

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